

October 9, 2008

Thomas J. Mahle Hospital Director Broughton Hospital 1000 South Sterling Street Morganton, North Carolina 28655

HCO ID:#1610

Re: Board Appeal Review Committee Decision

Dear Mr. Mahle:

The Board Appeal Review Committee reviewed the decision of the Accreditation Committee to deny accreditation to Broughton Hospital, Morganton, North Carolina following the December 11 – 13, 2007 survey. After consideration of all materials and information presented, the Committee determined that there was substantial evidence to support the Accreditation Committee's decision and concluded to deny accreditation to Broughton Hospital. The Committee's decision is effective October 9, 2008.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this decision to John Herringer, Associate Director, Standards Interpretation Group at (630)792-5908.

As provided in the public information policy of the Joint Commission, information regarding your organization's accreditation status will be made known to those inquiring.

Sincerely,

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